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SUBJECT: HUSAK MEETS BREZHNEV IN CRIMEA

REFS A. 76 PRAGUE 2223 B. PRAGUE 2019

1. CZECHOSLOVAK DAILIES PROMINENTLY FRONT-PAGED REPORTS
JULY 23 THAT VACATIONING CPCZ GENERAL SECRETARY AND
PRESIDENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA GUSTAV HUSAK HAD MET IN THE CRIMEA
WITH HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART LEONID BREZHNEV THE PREVIOUS DAY.

2. HUSAK-BREZHNEV MEETING, AN ANNUAL EVENT, CAME AS NO
SURPRISE AND WAS REPORTED TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN "AN ATMOSPHERE
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OF COMRADELY MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND CORDIAL FRIENDSHIP."
EMPHASIS WAS ON UNITY AND COOPERATION IN ALL SPHERES, WITH
RITUAL BOWS IN THE DIRECTION OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM,
THE FINAL ACT, AND THE LESSONS OF THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION.
ACCORDING TO RUDE PRAVO, BOTH LEADERS PAID "GREAT ATTENTION" TO
"FURTHER STRENGTHENING POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL COOPERATION"
BETWEEN THE SOVIET AND CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTIES, AND

--IN AN IMPLICIT REFERENCE TO THE EAST-WEST HUMAN RIGHTS DEBATE--
EMPHASIZED THAT "EVER BIGGER ENDEAVORS" ARE REQUIRED IN THE "STRUGGLE
TO FOIL ATTEMPTS TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES."

3. COMMENT: PAGE ONE OF JULY 23 RUDE PRAVO CARRIED PHOTOGRAPH
OF HUSAK AND BREZHNEV SHAKING HANDS AT THE TOP:

"GOOD" NEWS. BOTTOM HALF OF PAGE HAD THE BAD NEWS:
RETAIL PRICE RISES (REF B). THIS STRUCK US AS POSSIBLY INTENDED
TO EMPHASIZE THE POINT, APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AFTER POLISH
PRICE RISE DISTURBANCES, THAT HUSAK WAS SUFFICIENTLY CONFIDENT
TO BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY DURING PRICE HIKE. BOTH EVENTS,
THE PRICE RISE AND THE BILATERAL MEETING, WERE PLAYED AS ROUTINE.
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